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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 12 March 1980

The Director was preparing for his Presidential briefing; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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McMahon called attention to a letter of 11 March from Representative Addabbo, Chairman/HAC Subcommittee on Defense, requesting that, in addition to CIA, witnesses from State, DoD, and NSC appear at an all-day hearing on covert action scheduled for 26 March 1980. McMahon voiced objection to the appearances of witnesses other than CIA. A brief discussion followed in which Mr. Carlucci noted that involvement in covert action by principals of State and DoD is only at topmost levels and advised [] to consult with Snodgrass toward testimony by CIA only. []

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McMahon reported briefly on the following:

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Fitzwater said he has not yet seen any indication of a hiring freeze but reported we now have some [] potential hires in process. []

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Clarke said he needs to meet with the Director re Secretary Brown's recent letter of concern in order to establish a position for tomorrow's NFIB meeting re NIE 11-3/8. Mr. Carlucci advised Clarke to check on whether the Director had prepared a memorandum for the record on his meeting yesterday with Secretary Brown and to review re the NIE. Gates said he has forwarded the Director's M/R to Clarke and would discuss with Clarke following the staff meeting. []

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[] noted briefly the Director would appear before the HAC today re FY 1981 NFIP overview. He said several pertinent S&I team reports have been received and that the Director will be advised to defer HAC questions, if they arise, on these reports. []

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[] reported also Hitz is preparing the Director's HPSCI testimony on Charters scheduled for 18 March. He said Hitz's strategy takes into consideration success of Representative Zablocki's current efforts re the Hughes-Ryan Amendment. Mr. Carlucci cautioned [] that the two are not related. []

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